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SUBJ: HIGHLIGHTS OF FEDERAL COUNCILOR GRABER'S SPEECH TO JEWISH
WORLD CONGRESS

1. FEDERAL COUNCILOR PIERRE GRABER (SWISS FOREIGN MINISTER)
ADDRESSED JEWISH WORLD CONGRESS IN GENEVA NOV 17.
ACCORDING TO TEXT EMBASSY RECEIVED FROM FEDERAL POLITICAL
DEPT, GRABER RECALLED JWC ESTABLISHMENT 1936 IN GENEVA,
PAID TRIBUTE TO ITS FOUNDERS (PARTICULARLY JWC PRESIDENT
NAHUM GOLDMAN) AND EVOKED CALAMITIES OF RECENT
JEWISH HISTORY. HE NOTED PREJUDICES IN EUROPE THAT GAVE
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BIRTH TO ZUIONIST MOVEMENT WHICH OBTAINED BELFOUR DECLARATION

CONTEMPORARY WITH ARAB REVOLT. GRABER LAMENTED, AS HE SAID ZIONIST LEADERS HAVE, THAT CONTACTS BETWEEN BOTH MOVEMENTS WERE SHORT-LIVED, BECAUSE NOT GIVEN CONSIDERATION THEIR IMPORTANCE REQUIRED.

2. GRABER STRESSED APPREHENSIONS AND REGRETS CAUSED BY DEADLOCKED EFFORTS RESOLVE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT AND SAID THAT SHOULD THIS DANGEROUS CONFRONTATION ERUPT SWITZERLAND WOULD ALSO BE IMPLICATED. NOTING ALLON RECOMMENDATION THAT POWERS NOT CONCERNED ABSTAIN FROM FORMULATING PROPOSITIONS, GRABER STATED THAT TODAY SOME PRINCIPLES ARE NEARLY UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED:

(A) RIGHT TO EXISTENCE AND SECURITY WITHIN RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES FOR ALL STATES OF REGION, AS PRECONDITION FOR PEACEFUL AND HARMONIOUS DEVELOPMENT;

(B) NECESSITY FOR ADEQUATE GUARANTEES OF TERRITORIAL INVIOABILITY AND POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE FOR EACH STATE;
AND

(C) QUOTE ESTABLISHMENT OF PALESPINIAN NATIONAL ENTITY IN FRAMEWORK TO BE DEFINED BY THE INTERESTED PARTIES, IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE ARAB COMMUNITY OF PALESTINE TO MANIFEST ITS POLITICAL AND CULTURAL IDENTITY UNQUOTE. GRABER ADDED THAT QUOTE SECURITY UNQUOTE MUST REST ON RECOGNITION OF RIGHTS OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED.

3. NOTING THAT IT WAS GRATUITOUS FOR DISTANT PERMANENTLY NEUTRAL STATE TO PROPOSE IDEAS, GRABER SAID HE NEVERTHELESS DID SO BECAUSE SWITZERLAND INTESELY INTERESTED IN THE AREA AND BECAUSE CONFLICT CAUSES ENORMOUS DRAIN OF RESOURCES. HE CONCLUDED WITH ASSERTION OF CONFIDENCE THAT JEWISH COMMUNITY, OLDEST OF THREE FAMILIES FROM ANCIENT ORIENT, WOULD TAKE LEAD QUOTE TOWARDS THE ROAD TO NECESSARY CONCILIATION UNQUOTE.

4. NOTE: ONE PAGE SUMMARY ATTACHED AT END FOUR PAGE TEXT OF SPEECH REFERRED TO PRINCIPLE ON PALESTINE NATIONAL ENTITY, PARA 2(C) ABOVE, AS QUOTE ELEMENT OF UNCLASSIFIED

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